

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL ROBERT T. DAIL

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime commitment of service to the United States of America, our Defense Department and our great United States Army by a true patriot, Lieutenant General Robert T. Dail, United States Army. On January 1st, 2009, Lieutenant General Dail will retire after 33 years and four months of dedicated and exceptionally distinguished service in the United States Army. In addition to his retirement, Lieutenant General Dail will relinquish responsibility as the 15th Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, DLA, after leading a Defense Agency that has become increasingly important to the Nation. The General's departure is indeed a loss for our Nation since over the last two years he achieved many remarkable accomplishments. I will highlight a few of them here:

The extraordinary success of our military servicemen and women in the field, engaged in defending our freedom during times of peace and in times of war could not be accomplished without the unparalleled logistics support upon which our military so critically depends. Through General Dail's leadership this support has increased to the extent that ninety-five percent of the materials used by the entire U.S. military is provided by the 22,000 hard-working DLA personnel around the globe. DLA has facilities in 48 states and 28 countries and each one is a source of pride for all of the DLA employees.

All of the fuel supporting our jets, helicopters, ships and tanks is purchased by DLA. The food, military clothing, and supplies needed to sustain our forces is all managed by the DLA workforce. The DLA Defense Distribution system, an integrated network of 26 distribution depots here in the United States and in overseas locations such as Kuwait, Korea, Japan, Guam, Italy, and Germany, is crucial to the steady flow of materials to our troops. These DLA depots constitute a national treasure in their own right.

Remarkably, General Dail guided DLA to record-setting levels of support for today's warfighters, our allies, and victims of natural disasters around the world, led DLA through a dramatic transformation of the Agency's enterprise business program, and extended the DLA enterprise across all of the Department of Defense. I would add that the Agency forged partnerships with industry, the military service materiel commands, and other Agencies in our Federal, State and Local Governments, and provided unprecedented support.

Thirty-three years ago, General Dail earned his commission through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1975. He received a Master's in Business Administration from Boston University, a Master's in Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master's in National Resource Management from the National Defense University.

As a Transportation Officer, the General commanded at every level from platoon leader

to brigade commander. He served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington, D.C.; Director for Logistics at the United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Commanding General, United States Army Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Director, J-3/J-4, and Deputy Commander of United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He assumed his current position as the Director of DLA in August of 2006.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merits, Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

In closing, I wish to commend General Dail for over 33 years of distinguished service to our Nation, protecting our freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. His departure is a great loss to our Army, but we are better for having him in our ranks. He leaves us with a Defense Logistics Agency that is indeed a world-class provider of combat capability and one that has been greatly improved under his leadership and through his dedication to excellence.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I express our appreciation of General Dail for his tireless service and constant support of the warfighter. His professionalism, expertise, and efforts showcase his patriotism, and his dedication to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines. Though the following phrase is often used, I can say without reservation that it rarely as appropriate as it is in this case: LTG Robert Dail is truly a great American.

I want to personally thank LTG Dail and his entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and the contributions they have all made throughout his honorable and distinguished military service. I congratulate him on completing an exceptional and extremely successful military career and am humbled by his dedicated service to our nation. I wish LTG Dail many blessings and much success as he begins his future endeavors and embarks on new adventures.

HONORING DAVENPORT ONE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Davenport One, the chamber of commerce and economic development consortium that represents businesses in Davenport, Iowa.

Earlier this year Davenport One received the American Chamber of Commerce Executives "Chamber of the Year" award for their community leadership, organizational strength, and positive impact on key community priorities.

Davenport One's leadership has been critical to job creation, small business development, and transportation and infrastructure planning in Davenport and the Quad City region. They have been strong supporters of projects that will benefit the entire community,

including restoring passenger rail service to the Quad Cities and the innovative "River Vision" urban flood plain management project along the Mississippi River.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Davenport One over the past year. This group of leaders is making Davenport a more sustainable and economically vibrant community.

BREAST CANCER PATIENT
PROTECTION ACT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Congresswoman ROSA DELAURIO's "Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2008," H.R. 758. On September 25, 2008, I voted in favor of H.R. 758, which passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 421-2. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

The numerous petitions and personal stories issued by Americans prove the need for enactment of Federal legislation to guarantee minimum and adequate benefits for patients with breast cancer. H.R. 758 will prevent hospitals from rushing women out of their facilities after undergoing a mastectomy the same day.

I would like to take this opportunity to make my vote in honor of the late Paula Renfro, who died 6 years ago due to breast cancer. Like many women in the United States, Paula was rushed out of the hospital a few hours after undergoing a mastectomy. Paula and her family were sent home with a few instructions to follow to change her wound and administer the strong medications provided to her. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will prevent hospitals from forcing families to complete the medical healing process of a loved one to cut costs and instead, allow family members to provide the emotional support to their loved ones so desperately needed during such times.

IN MEMORY OF ANNE
D'HARNONCOURT

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Anne d'Harnoncourt for her contributions as an internationally esteemed museum leader and art scholar.

When Anne d'Harnoncourt passed away on June 1, 2008, Philadelphia and the world lost a highly accomplished professional and dear friend. As a graduate of Radcliffe College and the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, she began her illustrious career at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1967.

Anne d'Harnoncourt was dedicated to the city of Philadelphia, and as the director and chief executive officer of the Museum of Art